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Lt. Governor Kinder Encourages Seniors, Veterans and Low-income Citizens to Seek Tax Rebate

JEFFERSON CITY – As the 2007 tax season comes to a close next month, Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today stressed the significance and importance of filing a 2007 tax return.

“This year Congress passed an Economic Stimulus Package which includes rebate payments to eligible citizens,” Kinder said. “As the official Senior Advocate for elderly Missourians, it is my hope that seniors and low-income Missouri residents would receive the rebates which they deserve.”

Many elderly citizens on Social Security, low-income workers or veterans who receive benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs may not ordinarily file an income tax return.

Low- and moderate-income workers, including veterans, may receive free tax assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program at (800) 906-9887. Seniors, age 60 and older, can contact the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program for free tax help by calling (800) 906-9887, or through the AARP Tax-Aide counseling program by calling (888) 227-7669.

“I am encouraging seniors, veterans and low-income Missourians to contact VITA, TCE or AARP for free tax assistance in filing a 2007 income tax return,” Kinder said.

The IRS will send letters throughout the month of March to more than 130 million homes, reminding Americans to file a 2007 tax return to determine eligibility.

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